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Ollie Roberts' Cash Store

How the War Came to America

The break would have come sooner if our Government had not been restrained by the hope that saner counsels might still prevail in Germany. For it was well known to us that the German people had to a very large extent been kept in ignorance of many of the secret crimes of their Government against us. And the pressure of a faction of German public opinion less hostile to this country was shown when their Government acquiesced to some degree in our demands, at the time of the *Sussex* outrage, and for nearly a year maintained at least a pretense of observing the pledge they had made to us. The tension was abated.

While the war spirit was growing in some sections of our Nation, there was still no widespread desire to take part in the conflict abroad; for the tradition of noninterference in Europe's political affairs was too deeply rooted in our national life to be easily overturned. Moreover, two other considerations strengthened our Government in its efforts to remain neutral in this war. The first was our traditional sense of responsibility toward all the republics of the New World. Throughout the crisis our Government was in constant communication with the countries of Central and South America. They, too, preferred the ways of peace. And there was a very obvious obligation upon us to safeguard their interests with our own. The second consideration, which had been so often developed in the President's speeches, was the hope that by keeping aloof from the bitter passions abroad, by preserving untroubled here the holy ideals of civilized intercourse between nations, we might be free at the end of this war to bind up the wounds of the conflict, to be the restorers and rebuilders of the wrecked structure of the world.

All these motives held us back, but it was not long until we were beset by further complications. We soon had reason to believe that the recent compliance of the German Government had not been made to us in good faith, and was only temporary; and by the end of 1916 it was plain that our neutral status had again been made unsafe through the ever-increasing aggressiveness of the German autocracy. There was general agreement here with the statement of our President, on October 26, 1916, that this conflict was the last great war involving the world in which we could remain neutral.

It was in this frame of mind, fearing we might be drawn into the war if it did not soon come to an end, that the President began the preparation of his note, asking the belligerent powers to define their war aims. But before he had completed it, the world was surprised by the peace move of the German Government—an identical note on behalf of the German Empire, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey, sent through neutral powers on December 12, 1916, to the governments of the Allies, proposing negotiations for peace. While expressing the wish to end this war—"a catastrophe which thousands of years of common civilization was unable to prevent and which injures the most precious achievements of humanity"—the greater portion of the note was couched in terms that gave small hope of a lasting peace. Boasting of German conquests, "the glorious deeds of our armies," the note implanted in neutral minds the belief that it was the purpose of the Imperial German Government to insist upon such conditions as would leave all Central Europe under German dominance and so build up an Empire which would menace the whole liberal world.

"I told that woman that her not liking war sermons and not liking to hear about the war would not change the fact that the country is involved in war, and about the things for which this country is fighting, the ministers were doing a good work and awakening the people to existing conditions. I told her that people who remained in ignorance of the war and tried to shut their eyes and ears to all things pertaining to the war, were inviting the very things which have happened to the people of Belgium."

A Splendid Rain.

A good rain fell here Friday night, and again Sunday, in all amounting to probably nearly 1½ inches. It came steadily but slowly most of the time and was a great benefit to the wheat. Hardly any rain had fallen for 52 days prior to this and the wheat was in need of moisture but probably not suffering to any extent. With a few days of sunshine the wheat will get into good shape for the winter.

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Fred Phillips Would Fly.

Not many Jasper folks know that they have a candidate for the Aviation Corps. Fred Phillips, son of J. W. Phillips, a wife who live east of Jasper, is a young man referred to. Fred is 21 years old, is a native of Jasper, Mo., and is now in St. Louis, Mo., where he is attending the Aviation School. He was one of the 20 men examined for the Aviation Corps at St. Louis, Mo., on November 4 and 5, and of the 20 men examined 16 passed the tests, 2 passed conditionally and 2 passed without question. He was accepted at office. Mr. Phillips is one of the two who passed conditionally. He understands from the examination that he is likely to be called at any time, as the mark against him was only a slight inaccuracy on one of the several hard tests in the examination. Phillips is a young man of sterling character and is well educated, having attended Missouri University and is now in the high school. He succeeds in his ambition to be a flier, and when he does he will have a good account of himself.

John Squier Injured.

Flowing quoted paragraphs are in a Silver Creek, Neb., paper article refers to J. N. Squier, well known in Jasper at one time many friends here hope for his recovery. Yesterday afternoon, while assisting his household goods in a haul to the north of the Central church, John Squier sustained a fracture of the skull, and it is reported as just holding his slight chance for recovery. He was standing up at the back end of a loaded dray wagon which was tilted by household goods. When the dray tipped, he fell backward out of it. In an attempt to stop his head from striking the ground, he grabbed onto some of the goods, a heavy music cabinet which he held as he struck the ground, his skull just above the left eye. He was hurried to Dr. Gillespie's where the wound was dressed and taken to the new home. That he wound was examined by Dr. Surgeon who advised him to remain in operation at the present time. Squier is a friend to all of them, and many are anxious to hear news from his bedside. Sister Mary came out from Wednesday on the evening of Thursday noon and arrived at Dodge and another son, expected from Missouri.

Red Cross Officers Meet.

Misses A. M. Crandall, Drake and Scott attended a meeting of the officers of the Carthage Red Cross Chapter and its auxiliaries and branches last Saturday. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jane Jess, president of the Carthage Chapter. Rev. Chas. Swift addressed the meeting on "Women's work in the War." His remarks were most timely and deeply appreciated.

A delightful buffet luncheon was served and the meeting was very enjoyable as well as profitable and instructive.

Twenty-eight ladies were present at the last meeting of the Jasper Branch, including several from the country. We spent \$20 for yarn and \$15 for muslin and other articles last week, so we will have plenty of material to work with this week.

Remember, there is no way to keep our treasury going but by voluntary contributions. The following ladies donated \$1.00 each last month: Misses Pinnell, Belle Patterson, Gladys Waltz, Bayne, Hayzlett and Misses Lizzie Lawson and Eunice Hayzlett. Misses Anna Spaid and Harry Hille each contributed 50 cents. These contributions are all very thankfully received.

Note the new verse now being sung to the tune America:
"God save our splendid men,
Bring them safe home again,
God save our men,
Keep them victorious,
Patient and chivalrous—
They are so dear to us—
God save our men."

Let pastors, Sunday School superintendents and school teachers copy this verse and teach it to their congregations and schools, and sing America, including this verse, every day in public schools and every Sunday at church services.
Mrs. E. W. Scott,
Secretary Jasper Branch.

Y. M. C. A. WAR WORK

Jasper Committee Turns in Over \$1400 for the Cause.

The subscriptions taken in Jasper and community for the Y. M. C. A. war work cause last week totaled Monday morning \$1,401.25. The county committee in making its apportionment at Joplin two weeks ago apportioned Jasper \$500, but asked for the very best results possible. The local committee took up the work with the earnestness and enthusiasm that the cause merited with the above result. We believe everybody will be pleased with Jasper's showing. The following is a list of the subscribers, which is printed not so much to give public credit as it is in the nature of a receipt, the committee having had to work so hurriedly that in most cases receipts were not given. If anyone's name is not recorded that should be, we will gladly correct the error.

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